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The following references, Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication Nos. S63-302950 (w/abstract), H3-186346 (w/abstract), U.S. Patent No. 5,622,680, Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. JP2001-224963 (with its corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,800,388, as stated above), Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. H11-57471 (w/abstract and English

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translation), Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. S51-91890 (for which no English-language Abstract or translation is available), and an article, "Three-Way Catalytic Activity...", by Nolgen Guilhaume et al., were cited in a corresponding International Patent Application and characterized in the International Search Report attached herewith.

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